

**September 2**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and a briefing on Hurricane Katrina. He then met with Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff; Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld; Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael D. Brown; Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honore, USA, commanding general, First United States Army; Adm. Timothy J. Keating, USN, commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Mobile, AL, where, upon arrival, he met with Gov. Haley Barbour of Mississippi and Gov. Bob Riley of Alabama. They then took a helicopter tour of the area damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Biloxi, MS, where he toured the area damaged by Hurricane Katrina. He then traveled to New Orleans, LA, where, upon arrival, he met with Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco of Louisiana. Later, they took an aerial tour of New Orleans.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Vladimir Putin of Russia to the White House on September 16.

The President verbally declared an emergency in Arkansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from and to provide emergency assistance to those areas struck by Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President verbally declared an emergency in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from and to provide emergency assistance to those areas struck by Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 29 and continuing.

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**


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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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**Checklist  
of White House Press Releases**


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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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**Released August 27**

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Louisiana

**Released August 28**

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Florida

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Mississippi

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Alabama

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Louisiana

**Released August 29**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a teleconference briefing by HHS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Mark B. McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Alabama

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Louisiana

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Mississippi

Fact sheet: New Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit To Include Low-Cost Options

**Released August 30**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

***Released August 31***

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Fact sheet: Federal Relief for the Victims of Hurricane Katrina

***Released September 1***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a teleconference briefing by Office of Management and Budget Director Joshua B. Bolton on Federal response efforts to Hurricane Katrina

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of Prime Minister Lawrence Gonzi of Malta

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of President Georgi Purvanov of Bulgaria

***Released September 2***

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 3645

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of President Vladimir Putin of Russia

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing the President's verbal declaration of disaster assistance to Arkansas

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing the President's verbal declaration of disaster assistance to Texas

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**Acts Approved  
by the President**

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***Approved August 8 \****

H.R. 6 / Public Law 109–58  
Energy Policy Act of 2005

***Approved August 10 \****

H.R. 3 / Public Law 109–59  
Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users

***Approved August 11 \****

H.R. 1132 / Public Law 109–60  
National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act of 2005

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\* These Public Laws were not received in time for inclusion in the appropriate issue.